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Kim:

As a way of trying to work in parallel, we'd like to try something different with the 11 mg studies. Instead of waiting until the protocol is finalized, we would like to initiate getting a preliminary fee proposal from MDS after we've settled on a draft protocol. In that way, we could initiate our internal review of the fee component while the protocol is being formally reviewed internally. We could then just revise the fee proposal in accordance with any changes that are made to the final protocol and move towards preparation of a project agreement.

If we use the above approach, how long after completion of the draft protocol do you think it would be before we could get a fee proposal from MDS for the study execution? Would two weeks be reasonable? Again, this would only be a preliminary proposal subject to revision in accordance with any changes made to the final protocol.

If you think you could get back to me with some sense of timing on Friday, that would be great. We're trying to develop some internal schedules for planning purposes.

Thanks,  
Valerie